EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Mr. John Harrington (Reg. No. 25,592) on June 2, 2008.

2.   The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method for managing workflow for an application,

comprising:

~~obtaining an application adapter associated with the application, wherein the application~~

~~adapter specifies a sub-task;~~

~~monitoring the application to obtain a state;~~

~~performing an action associated with the sub-task, if the state is associated with the sub-~~

~~task;~~

authenticating a user;

retrieving a profile associated with the user, if the user is authenticated,

wherein the profile comprises an ~~the~~ application adapter;

wherein the profile is a single sign-on profile; ~~and~~

said application adapter further comprises a pre-login task in which a user ID

corresponding to the user is configured as an external parameter and a pre-state for which is

configured to recognize a prompt for the user ID and, responsive to the prompt for the user ID, to

supply the user ID to the application via an application adapter runtime;

obtaining the application adapter associated with the application, wherein the application

adapter specifies a sub-task;

monitoring the application to obtain a state; and

performing an action associated with the sub-task, if the state is associated with the sub-

task.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) A system for managing workflow for an application,

comprising:

a processor;

~~an application, wherein the application comprises a state;~~

~~an application adapter configured to define an action associated with the state; and~~

~~an application adapter runtime configured to monitor the application and perform the~~

~~action when the state is encountered;~~

an authentication infrastructure configured to authenticate a user and retrieve a profile

associated with the user when the user is authenticated,

wherein the profile comprises an ~~the~~ application adapter;

wherein the profile is an single sign-on profile; and

said application adapter further comprises a pre-login task in which a user ID

corresponding to the user is configured as an external parameter and a pre-state for which is

configured to recognize a prompt for the user ID and, responsive to the prompt for the user ID, to

supply the user ID to the application via said application adapter runtime;

      wherein the application comprises a state;

      an application adapter configured to define an action associated with the state; and

      an application adapter runtime configured to monitor the application and perform the

action when the state is encountered.

3.   The drawings are acceptable.

4.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to DIEM K. CAO whose telephone number is (571)272-3760. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30AM - 3:00PM.

      If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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